

# **Back to School = Annual HealthCheck**

## **Medicaid Can Help**

### **Kids with Medicaid can go to the doctor or dentist for FREE!**

Your child should go to their primary care provider every year for a HealthCheck visit.

Medicaid, Chartered, Unison, or  
HSCSN card

#### **What happens at a HealthCheck visit?**

- Full physical exam, including eye and hearing check
- Update all needed shots and tests
- Fill out health forms for school enrollment
- Answer any questions about development

#### **How can I make a HealthCheck appointment for my child?**

- Call your child's primary care provider's office
- To find out who your child's primary care provider is, call the customer service number on your child's

Your child should visit their dentist every 6 months for a cleaning and check-up.

#### **What happens at the dentist?**

- Full cleaning and cavity check
- Sealants on molar teeth—especially important for kids aged 8-14
- Fillings, if needed
- Teach child how to brush and floss
- Answer any questions

#### **How can I make a dentist appointment for my child?**

- Call the Dental HelpLine at 1-866-758-6807



**Still having trouble? Call the DC Health Care Ombudsman at  
1-877-685-6391.**

If you have no health insurance for yourself or your child, Medicaid or DC HealthCare Alliance may be able to help. To qualify for Medicaid or the Alliance, you must be a D.C. resident and be low-income (up to \$4,578 per month for a family of 3). For complete information, contact IMA at 202-724-5506.

Turn this page over for application information.

## How to Apply for Medicaid or the Alliance (Free Health Care Coverage):

1. **Fill out an application form.** You can get a form at any Income Maintenance Administration (IMA) center. Call 202-724-5506 to find the IMA Center that serves your area. The form is also online at <http://dhs.dc.gov> under “Public Assistance Benefits.” On page 9 of the form, there is a list of documents you must bring to show that the information you give is true.
2. **Take the form and the documents you need to an IMA Service Center.** IMA will stamp a page of the form for you to keep. This is proof that IMA got your application form.
  - If you bring all the needed documents to the Service Center, IMA will make copies and return them. The process will go faster if you have everything ready with the application.
  - If you are missing documents, IMA will give you a checklist of what you need to bring back.
  - Tell IMA if you or anyone in your family has unpaid medical bills. These *might* be paid for if you are approved.
3. **IMA has up to 45 days** to decide if you can get Medicaid or the Alliance. If they say “yes,” you will get a letter that tells you the date your health care coverage started. This is usually the first day of the month you turned in your application.
4. **For most people, the next step is to choose a health care plan.** A few days after you get the letter from IMA, you will get another letter from either a health care plan or from a company called “Houston Associates.” They work with DC’s Medicaid program.
  - If you get Medicaid, you will have 30 days to choose a health care plan. Until you have a plan, Medicaid will pay for doctor’s visits on a fee-for-service basis.
  - If you get the Alliance, you will be assigned to a health care plan, but you have the right to pick a different one if you want.

If you are in fee-for-service Medicaid, you will get a letter that explains how to get medical care.
5. **Don’t forget to get a check-up!** It is important for both adults and children to have regular check-ups. Make sure to bring all of your health insurance cards to the appointment.

### Be Sure To Include These Documents with the Application:

	Medicaid	Alliance
Income	Recent paystubs; statement showing retirement, disability, or Workers Compensation income; pension statement; <b>or</b> last year’s income tax papers and/or W2, etc.	Same as Medicaid.
Assets	Not necessary for pregnant women, children and caretakers of children. For elderly and disabled, bank account statements and verification of all resources/assets.	Recent bank and checking account statements, etc.
D.C. Residency	Valid D.C. driver’s license or ID card; valid lease, rental agreement, rent receipt, deed, or mortgage statement for a residence in the District; valid homeowner’s or renter’s insurance policy for a residence in D.C.; recent D.C. Property Tax bill for a D.C. residence; recent utility bill (water, gas, electric, cable, or landline telephone); pay stub with a D.C. address and D.C. withholding taxes issued in the last thirty (30) days; <b>or</b> D.C. voter registration card.	Same as Medicaid, <b>or</b> a D.C. Proof of Residency Form.
Social Security Number	Social Security card; tax or payroll documents with your SSN on it; <b>or</b> D.C. driver’s license with your SSN on it; etc.	Same as Medicaid, though not required.
Immigration Information	Employment Authorization card, I-94, visa, passport, <b>or</b> other documents from the INS.	Same as Medicaid, though not required.
Other forms of insurance	Your health insurance card if you have other health insurance.	Alliance is not available to those with other insurance.